

## PEOPLE IN MOSCOW MAKE READY TO JOIN IN FIGHT FOR LIBERTY IN RUSSIA

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cide the questions of the demands of the strikers, especially the one affecting the hours of labor, which Russian law fixes at eleven.

### CZAR MAY MAKE CONCESSIONS.

The representatives of the workmen, according to this report, are not to be appointed, but selected by the laboring men themselves. This would be the first concession to the representative principle.

According to reports, the Emperor will also promise to investigate yesterday's events in St. Petersburg.

To-day there was no repetition of the deplorable occurrences of yesterday, with the exception that a single blank volley was fired to awe a crowd near the Warsaw Station.

Careful investigation shows that no bullets were fired. The military everywhere had a firm grip on the situation, and the police used every precaution, such as forbidding the sale of petroleum and advising people to remain indoors.

### HALF THE CITY IS DARK.

The tension, which was somewhat relaxed in the morning, continued to increase during the day. Conditions appeared to be ominous when, shortly after dark, the workmen in two electric light plants walked out, refusing triple pay to remain, and plunged half the city into utter darkness, including the Nevsky Prospect, which is in the fashionable residence quarter.

The water supply also was cut off, and a veritable panic ensued.

Tales that dynamite was in the possession of the strikers, and that it was their purpose to sack and burn the town had been in circulation, and many people were terror-stricken.

### RESERVE TROOPS CALLED OUT.

Reserve troops were called out to guard the darkened portion of the city. The people still in the streets, except a few strikers and roughs, fled to their homes.

Police officers visited every house and store, ordering all not to venture out at their peril and to turn out the lights in their front windows.

Shopkeepers, and even private house owners, boarded or barred their windows or doors. After about four hours soldiers from the Engineer Corps, with the aid of German engineers from factories, started up the plants. When the lights were turned on, except for the patrolling cavalry and infantry, the streets were deserted.

### WANTED GAYETY IS GONE.

At midnight, when life in the Russian capital is usually bright, St. Petersburg resembled a city of the dead invaded by a hostile army. The facades of the buildings were black and every restaurant and place of amusement was closed. The only sound to be heard was the deadened patter of the hoofs of the cavalry horses and the tramp of marching men over the snow as the Emperor's soldiers move to and fro.

The guards at the palaces of the Grand Dukes are especially heavy, and over 20,000 troops are massed at Tsarko Selo.

**FACTORY AND MILL DISTRICTS DESERTED.**  
The factory and mill districts of the city were practically deserted to-day. The strikers had no plans for demonstrations and no special meeting points had been arranged.

The absence of any definite objective led the strikers to drift toward the principal thoroughfare, the Nevsky Prospect, which has been the center of to-day's less thrilling events.

As the afternoon wore on the crowds in the Nevsky Prospect became dense, and the authorities, possibly fearing that the case might be converted into material for barricades, stopped street railway traffic and re-enforced the already considerable number of cavalry patrols.

Towards 5 o'clock, driving up the Nevsky Prospect, the Associated Press correspondent saw through the gathering gloom the blaze of campfires in the Public Square, with the dark forms of troops sitting around them.

The Nevsky Prospect itself was ablaze with light. Strikers and curiosity seekers promenade the two miles of sidewalk between the Admiralty and the Nicholas Station, and squadrons of hussars and cuirassiers rode up and down in endless procession.

The crowds seemed peaceful enough, the watchword evidently being, "Don't abuse the troops."

**BRILLIANT THOROUGHFARE PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS.**

The only shouts heard were a few isolated hurrahs. Suddenly the electric lights in the upper section, between the bazaar called Gostiny Dvor and the Nicholas Station, were extinguished, and the thoroughfare was plunged without warning into utter darkness, which was not relieved even by lights in shop windows, as all the stores were closed.

The scene was weird and fearful. The driver at first refused to move on, fearing some hidden danger, but he finally was persuaded to proceed, exclaiming with Russian exclamation:

"One can die only once." A deathly silence prevailed, heightened by the rustle of hundreds of feet on the snow-cold sidewalks, the muffled tread of plumed squadrons, and the lugubrious hammering of shopkeepers taking precautions against possible attack by boarding up the windows of their stores with rough lumber.

The curious hastily scurried into adjoining streets, finding their way home as best they could through the inky darkness.

Only a fringe of sullen strikers and rough characters remained, the police warning all to get home as soon as possible. The only bright spot was a blaze of light from the courtyard of the Anichkov Palace, whence the Empress Dowager yesterday fled to Tsarko Selo.

Beyond stood the dark, grim palace of Grand Duke Sergei. The crowd was particularly dense around the approaches to the Nicholas Station.

**INFANTRY EFFECTUALLY DISCOURAGES VIOLENCE.**

Here, in the darkness, marauders attacked a few news vendors' stalls, but a grim row of infantry around the station buildings effectually discouraged violence. Other disturbances broke numerous windows in the Gostiny Dvor and the Kiosk at the corner of the Anichkov Palace garden.

A bomb tore up the adjoining park and placed in the roadway in the hope

## WORKINGMEN OF MOSCOW ORGANIZE FOR REVOLUTION



GENERAL VIEW OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW.

### PREDICTS PLAINS OF WARSAW SOON WILL BE RED WITH BLOOD

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Philadelphia, Jan. 23.—That the Russian Pole will take advantage of the present troubles that beset the czar and revolt from his rule is the confident prediction of prominent Poles in this city. Active leaders of the colony here claim that a fund of more than \$200,000, gathered in America, is now secreted in Switzerland ready to aid the revolutionists.

"In a few weeks the plains of Warsaw will be as red with blood as the streets of the Russian capital are to-day," said one of the Polish leaders to-day.

"There are ten military organizations in this city which will furnish trained men to the patriots," declared Ignatius Vendi, editor of the *Przegląd Ludu*.

"These men have been hoping for an opportunity like this for years. Of course, under the neutrality laws, they will not be permitted to organize an expedition here against our enemy."

"However, it will be possible for the Philadelphia Poles to return to the mother country as individuals and there take up the cause of their brothers. We have been gathering funds for a crisis in Russia like this for years, and now that the chance has come, all Poland is crying for the call for action."

## GOPON IS A MAN OF MYSTIC POWER

From Early Childhood He Has  
Been Leader of Peasant  
People.

### HIS EDUCATION EXCELLENT.

Strange Magnetism Seems to Exert  
Irresistible Influence Up  
on Those Who Hear  
Him Talk.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
New York, Jan. 23.—Father George Gopon, the heroic figure in the Russian revolt of the workingman, has for many years been the most potent figure in the political life of the czar's people. Christened Vintin, an art critic, who spent many years in Russia as a student and an observer of social conditions, today gave a graphic picture of this remarkable man. He said:

"Though Father George Gopon has just come before the public eye of the world in Russia, his personality has been felt as an ever-present force for many years. I have seen him and heard him speak many times, and I can say truly that I never felt a personal influence more singularly magnetic than his in all my life."

"The early career of this priest is shrouded more or less in mystery. He was born in Poltava in 1833, and is the son of a poor peasant family. When he was able to read, he was assigned to the care of pigs and geese. As a boy he went much among the peasant people in his home country, and before he reached his teens his phenomenal mental ability began to show itself."

"I have heard, and I believe it, that when he was a boy he began to dictate to the material condition of the peasantry, and this was soon looked upon by all of his elders with a feeling of awe and reverence. Somehow his relatives managed to send him to the best schools in Poltava."

"As a youth he exhibited such promise that friends determined to send him into the priesthood. All the while he was studying socialism and continually discussing the social conditions of his country. While studying for the priesthood at a seminary he gave voice to such radical views that he was expelled before being graduated."

"He finally managed, however, to be admitted to the priesthood under ground limitations, which did not permit him to have a general pastorate."

**WORKINGMEN ENTRANCED.**  
"These workingmen, whose cause he has made his life's effort and listened to him with glowing eyes and beating pulses, and their passions rose with his in many ways he is a born agitator. He allows his feelings to attain complete mastery of him, no matter how violent they may be."

"Though he is not unusually tall, he has a commanding figure, great, broad shoulders, the most expressive eyes I have ever seen on an orator's body. When worked up to a violent pitch these shoulders roll and shake with his emotions, and by some strange influence the shoulders of his hearers would work likewise."

"His eyes are also the eyes of a mystic, larger, dreamier and rolling when he is excited. When he fixes them upon you you can feel them go right through you. Though there can be no doubt of his sincerity of purpose, I believe that he has been greedy of popularity, since he has begun to urge himself forward as the friend and champion of the artisan and workingman."

"He held over them has long been a source of fear and alarm to the nobles, for his hand stretches out over the entire Empire. I have heard him talk in Moscow and in St. Petersburg, and in both places he is followed and worshipped blindly. So great an influence has he obtained over

the Russian people that none of those in power have dared to harm him. And their fear of him has increased from year to year.

"Were he not a man of such dominant will and such mighty influence over the minds of his followers he would have been a member of a Siberian chain gang many years ago. But they have feared him and always will fear him."

### RUSSIAN RIOTS CAUSE HEAVY BREAK IN STOCKS ON NEW YORK EXCHANGE.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
New York, Jan. 23.—The crisis in Russian affairs was the cause of an opening break in prices of stocks to-day of considerable violence.

The average losses ran from a large fraction to a point, and in many cases exceeded that. St. Paul and Reading each lost 2½, while Northwest declined 2½. Other weak stocks were Union Pacific, which dropped 1½, Southern Pacific, 1½, Canadian Pacific, 1½, Sugar, 1½, Copper, 1½, Colorado Fuel, 1½, and the Steels, 1 each. Ten thousand shares of Union Pacific were thrown on the market at 117½ to 117½. After the first few minutes' test the market rallied sharply on heavy buying. St. Paul regained 1½, Reading 1½, and Union Pacific 1½.

Street features were Chicago Terminal up 1½, and the preferred 2½, while Detroit Southern common scored an advance of 1½. Duluth Southern Shore preferred, after going off 1½, rallied 2½.

The market weakened in the later dealings and closed unsettled and lower. The financial situation abroad was likewise affected by the revolt in Russia, London showing declines of from 1½ to 1½. Russian bonds opened there at 87, but quickly rallied to 88.

### NAVAL DEPOTS BURNED BY BLACK SEA SAVERS

REPORT FROM SEVASTOPOL.

London, Jan. 23.—Special dispatches from Russia to the London papers to-day again bristle with sensational statements.

The correspondent at Kioff of the *Express* asserts that the naval depots at Sevastopol have been destroyed by a revolutionary outbreak of the sailors of the Black Sea fleet, whose lives have been rendered unbearable by overwork and robbery by corrupt officials, and gives circumstantial details of how the men rising and attacking their officers and firing and destroying the buildings while the troops (according to the story) were summoned to quell the revolt, refused to fire at all or fired in the air.

Other dispatches report soldiers killed by bombs throwing, raising the question of the factories, etc., none of which can be confirmed in any responsible quarter. There is much curiosity as to the intentions of the Imperial family. There are rumors that they are going to the Crimea, Copenhagen or some other place till the storm has blown over. According to the *Daily Telegraph's* St. Petersburg correspondent, Emperor Nicholas yesterday went to Gatchina.

### AGED GENERAL PULLED FROM HIS SLEIGH AND KILLED BY THE CROWD.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—Among the authenticated horrors of yesterday is the case of an aged General whose sleigh was stopped by the infuriated people as he was driving in the direction of the troops.

"Are you going to order them to fire on us?" yelled the crowd.

The General ordered his coachman to drive on, when he was instantly struck on the head by a well-dressed individual in a sable fur coat.

The General was then thrown out of the sleigh, beaten and trampled to death.

### POPE SAYS HE IS PRAYING FOR THE PACIFICATION OF THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE.

Rome, Jan. 23.—The Pope received to-day in private audience O. M. Naryshkin, the new Russian Minister accredited to the Vatican, who presented his wife and daughters.

The Pope said:

"I am ardently praying for the pacification of Russia."

## CASSINI UPHOLDS ACTION OF TROOPS

Russian Ambassador Says St. Petersburg Killings Were Necessary.

### "A FEW STREET BRAWLERS."

Movement Not a Protest Against the War, Nor a Sign of Anger Against the Emperor.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, has had no official information from St. Petersburg about the riots there, but, in a conversation to-night with a correspondent of the Associated Press, the Ambassador, after reading the afternoon dispatches, said:

"Human life is sacred the world over, and nowhere more so than in Russia, but it should be remembered that the public peace is of predominant importance and vigorous measures are sometimes necessary to preserve order."

"This is the situation in the Russian capital. There is a great industrial strike in progress. Because these demands have not been forthwith granted, the strikers, as strikers in every country have done, have endeavored to storm the Emperor's own palace in the effort to gain an audience with his Majesty. The troops ordered them to stop outside the gates and the crowds refused."

"The troops then fired a volley of blank cartridges, and on came the crowd. There was only one thing else to be done—to fire with ball cartridges. That stopped the strikers and they fled in every direction."

**FILOT, NOT REVOLUTION.**  
"There is a great deal of difference between a riot and a revolution, and Americans will make a great mistake if they infer from the unfortunate stories of the disturbances in the Russian capital that the demonstration is revolutionary, or even hostile to the war."

"The love of a great people for their sovereign is not wiped out by the cries of a few street brawlers. It will be found when public order has been restored that the traditional and ancient affection of the Russian people for their Emperor still abides."

"If, when violence has been suppressed and order restored, the strikers, through the proper channels, will be given a hearing, their demands will be considered and all that with justice and expediency can be done in their behalf will be forthcoming."

"Strikes occur in every country. No country appreciates this more, perhaps, than the United States, and in no country would an attack upon the home of the country's ruler be repelled more quickly than in your own."

"You have asked me for a word of comment upon the press dispatches, for, as you know, I have had no official advice. I can only say that it is an unfortunate condition of affairs, which I hope soon will be relieved by the demonstrations are not against the war; there is no revolution in Russia, nor will there be."

### RUSSIANS OF ST. LOUIS TO AID THEIR COUNTRYMEN.

Mass Meeting Planned to Promote Local Interest in the Revolution.

Doctor A. C. Kean of No. 106 North Eleventh street, formerly a Russian subject, is arranging for a mass meeting, to be held about February 23, the purpose of which will be to arouse American interest and sympathy for the Russian revolutionists.

The principal speaker will be Mrs. Katherine Brodskaya, a Russian noble by birth, who has for years actively worked for the education and protection of the peasant people of Russia. For this manifestation of interest she was exiled to Siberia for a number of years. From whom she was released four years ago. Taking refuge in Sicily, she conceived the idea of visiting America in behalf of her cause. She arrived at New York about two months ago.

In Faneuil Hall, Boston, several weeks ago, she addressed an audience of several thousand. Other speeches were made by prominent educators and business men of Boston and vicinity.

Doctor Kean said last night that the Russians and Russian Jews of St. Louis are very much interested in the present situation in Russia, and are doing everything possible to aid their countrymen in their conflict.

"Many meetings will be held," said Doctor Kean, "but, because of their nature, extreme caution must be exercised by us if we wish to accomplish our purpose."

### FINANCIAL AMERICA INDIRECTLY AFFECTED BY RUSSIAN UPRIISING.

New York, Jan. 23.—Frank A. Vanderlip, vice president of the National City Bank of New York, and formerly Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, in discussing the financial aspect of the situation in Russia, said that American interests in Russia were not extensive.

"The direct effect on our security market of a French panic would not, perhaps, be great, but we would be indirectly affected through Berlin and London, and in a very large holder of Russian securities, and of American securities as well, there might be some selling of American issues, should the Russian incident lead to a serious situation on the Berlin Bourse."

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When the constitution of the organization was revised last summer an amendment was added providing for social features.

A social feature committee was appointed, which arranged for the dance to-morrow night. Light refreshments will be served.

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## PATRIOTIC BODY READY TO ASSUME REINS OF RUSSIA.

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to undertake any human mission confided to him by the people.

**A THOUSAND PRESENT.**  
On Sunday night, when the committee had possession of the hall of the Imperial Economic Society, about 1,000 persons were present, but there was no directing head, and therefore no unity of action, and the assembly was expectant and fantastic.

"I asked a prominent member why they had no permanent committee. He shrugged his shoulders, but another, who usually heard me, said there would be one soon, and to-day a body of men is constituted who regard themselves as the future provisional government of Russia."

"As yet they are political clippers, who hope that a sudden stroke of luck may provide them with the means to overturn the present regime, and place the reins of power in their hands. They are expected here and abroad, and they have requested me to give publicity to the following remarkable statement of their financial policy."

"They are prepared to respect Russian traditions and pay interest punctually on all loans heretofore negotiated, and will make nothing undone to avoid repudiation, the curtailment of interest, or any measure that would run counter to the obligations undertaken by the Imperial Government, but every foreign loan contracted after Sunday, January 23, this year, they will unhesitatingly repudiate, because no action can now lead to the Russian Government in good faith, or in ignorance of the fact that the people and bureaucracy are struggling to discover which of them really represents the nation."

"If the French Republicans wish to support the autonomy they have a perfect right to do so, but the Russian people will be equally justified in repudiating obligations contracted by their enemies for the purpose of keeping them enthralled."

"Further, if a victory of the people over the Government should be partial, and the constitutional regime be substituted for an autocracy, the representatives of the nation, who in that case will have control over the state purse, will insist on that same policy being carried out by the National Assembly in any and every case."

"Therefore, the Russian people is resolved to repudiate all debts contracted by the autocracy from the day when civil

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